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PRESS RELEASE

Iberia Parish, Louisiana is currently facing the threat of high winds, heavy rains, storm surges and flooding as a result of a significant weather system (Tropical Storm Barry) currently located in the Gulf of Mexico. Therefore, an Emergency Declaration was issued by me, effective at 1:00 pm, July 10, 2019. After consultation with representatives of the National Weather Service, the Iberia Parish Office Of Emergency Preparedness, our local emergency preparedness partners and other similar agencies, **I AM RECOMMENDING THAT ALL RESIDENTS OF IBERIA PARISH LIVING SOUTH OF U.S. HIGHWAY 90 CONSIDER VOLUNTARILY EVACUATING NO LATER THAN 1:00 P.M., THURSDAY, JULY 11, 2019.** The following persons residing in Iberia Parish should also strongly consider evacuating:

- * Anyone living in areas vulnerable to potential storm surges;
- * Anyone having special needs;
- * Anyone living in low-lying areas along lakes, bayous, streams and drainage structures that have experienced flooding in the past; and
- * Anyone living in a structure that has experienced flooding following heavy rain events.

I am urging all of our residents to check their emergency supplies, create a protective plan of action for their families and pets and continue to monitor Iberia PINS (Parish Information Notification System) and our local news media for future weather updates. Those residents that wish to evacuate should begin that process immediately. Residents who choose to remain behind may find themselves without power and unable to leave the area until floodwaters recede and storm debris is removed.

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